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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3738

Docket No. CRD-0834

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Frank Butaric et al. Confirmation No.: 5116
Appln. No. : 09/714,093
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Title: An Improved Stent For Use in a Stent Graft
Art Unit : 3738
Examiner : Cheryl L. Miller

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REPLY/AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 16, 2006, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page
two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page four of this paper.